" Body. Then with a green Stick, which he had in " his Hand, about a Foot an half long, the Bark be- " ing newly peel'd off, urged and provoked the Head, " 'till it bit the Stick in fury ſeveral times. Upon this " the Colonel obſerved ſmall green Streaks to riſe up " along the Stick towards his Hand. He threw the " Stick upon the Ground, and in a quarter of an " Hour, the Stick of its own accord ſplit into ſeve- " ral Pieces, and fell aſunder from end to end. This " Account I had from him again at the Writing " hereof." [*Beverley*'s Hiſtory of *Virginia*, from *pag.* 260, to 267.]

Father *Labat* likewiſe tells us (in his *Nouveau Voyage aux Iſles de l' Amerique*, Tom. IV. pag. 96, and 106. Ed. Paris, 1722. in 8°.) that Serpents, when they bite their Prey, retire, to avoid being hurt by them; and when dead, cover them with their Spittle, extend their Feet along their Sides and Tails, if Quadrupeds, and then ſwallow them.

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## II. *Part of a Letter from Dr.* Richardſon, *F. R. S. to Sir* Hans Sloane, *Bart. Preſident of the* Royal Society, *and* Colleg. Phyſic. *concerning the* Squilla aquæ dulcis.

I Have met with very little of late in Natural Hiſtory worth mentioning to you. One Thing I cannot omit, which I do not remember is taken notice of by any Naturaliſt; that is, the great Deſtruction that is made amongſt the ſmall Fry of Fiſh by the *Squilla aquæ dulcis*, which abound in moſt

ſtanding Waters. In a ſmall breeding Pond nigh my Houſe, where I had formerly plenty of ſmall Carp and Tench every Year, and of late ſcarce any young Breed to be met with, my Gardener not long ago obſerved one of the *Squillæ*, with a Carp in its Mouth almoſt as large as itſelf; and has ſince obſerved theſe Inſects hunting amongſt the Weeds, and vigorouſly purſuing the ſmall Fry. I order'd the Gardener to catch ſome of theſe Inſects, and bring them home alive, with ſome of the ſmalleſt Fiſh he could meet with. We put them together in a large Baſon of Water. The Inſects were ſo rapacious, that they fell upon the Fiſh immediately, and deſtroy'd ſeveral in my Sight; and before Morning had devoured all that were in the Baſon.

*North-Bierley*,
Sept. 5, 1733.

RICHARD RICHARDSON.

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III. *Schema* Eclipſeos Solaris *paulo ante ſolis occaſum obſervatæ*, *Vitembergæ Saxonum* Die II^do Maii *Stil. veter. A. Chr.* CIↃ IↃ CC XXXIII. *A* Joh. Frider. Weidlero *LL. D. Mathem. Superior. Prof. Ordin. R. S. S.*

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